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President's Corner

by Judy D. Reed

Congratulations are in order to Susan Livingston who assumed the position of librarian at Lantana Community Library on January 2. Best wishes to her and to Lantana as they seek to expand their library and services. We in Lake Worth are looking forward to close cooperation with our neighbors to the south.

Plans are moving along rapidly for BookFest on March 22-24. We will be in great need of people who can donate any time that weekend at the Fairgrounds. Forms for volunteer sign-up are available now. Remember this is our BookFest; we all need to find ways to help make it another success. Previous BookFest experience is not necessary. If you have thought in the past about helping out, make this the year you do it!

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NEWSLETTER**

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BookFest!
of the Palm Beaches

March 22, 23, & 24

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BOOKFEST will be held at the South Florida Fairgrounds March 22-24. This year's program includes a multicultural storytelling festival; Beetle Bailey author/artist Mort Walker (founder of the International Museum of Cartoon Art in Boca Raton); Daniel Keyes, author of **Flowers for Algernon**, which later became the movie "Charly"; Carol Higgins Clark (daughter of mystery writer Mary Higgins Clark); Olivia Goldsmith, whose book **First Wives Club** is currently being made into a movie starring Goldie Hawn, Diane Keaton, and Bette Midler; Jane Heller, whose book **Infernal Affairs** has been optioned by Disney for a movie; romance writer Heather Graham, author of over 80 romance books; lawyer-turned-novelist Paul Levine, author of the Jake Lassiter series; panel discussions on true crime, mystery writing, romance, children's books; cookbook authors, illustrators, and much more.

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED!

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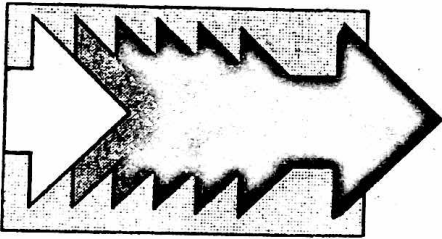
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FLORIDA CHAPTER - MYSTERY WRITERS OF AMERICA present *Sleuth Fest '96*
March 15-17 at the Ft. Lauderdale Airport Hilton. For information call 793-2364.

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HERE'S WHAT'S HAPPENING

by Susan Livingston

This is the first of what I hope will be a series of columns on upcoming events, activities, promotions, and fundraisers at our various libraries. We'll also mention goings-on at other institutions and organizations of particular interest to us in the library community. To get started, here are three events worth noting (and attending) this quarter:

In West Palm Beach at Northwood University, the Artists Guild of the Norton Museum of Art is holding an annual exhibition and sale right outside the library. The show runs from Jan. 8 - Feb. 28. Come up to see the exhibit and pop in to say hello to Bonnie Marshak, Library Director (and PBCLA Vice President), and to see what's new at the Northwood University Library.

The Palm Beach County Literacy Coalition presents its fifth annual Love of Literacy Luncheon on Feb. 16 at 11:30 at the Ritz-Carlton in Manalapan. Having attended the previous two of these luncheons, I can tell you that they are well worth the \$40 ticket (or \$500 for a table). This year's speaker is John Corcoran, author of The Teacher Who Couldn't Read. A notable feature of the Love of Literacy Luncheons is that some graduates of the Coalition's literacy program attend. The setting, the food, the program, and the honored guests make this event a winner! See you there. (Palm Beach County Literacy Coalition: 273-1030).

While you're lunching, save room for dessert because the Friends of the Boynton Beach Library are holding their Seventh Annual Benefit Luncheon on Feb. 19 (Silent Auction beginning at 10:30, seating later). This year's luncheon is at Benvenuto's Restaurant, 1730 North Federal Highway, Boynton Beach. The speaker is Paul Levine

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author of the Jake Lassiter mysteries. Mr. Levine will be book signing when he isn't speaking (or eating!). Tickets are \$28 (\$200/table), available at the library (or call 375-6380). I've attended this luncheon, too, and you simply must see the wonderful support demonstrated by this Friends group, and participate in the amusing silent auction!

Please let me know about events at your library or elsewhere which will be of interest to us "library types." The more we hear about (before it happens), the better we can stay in touch and support each other. I want some good items for the next newsletter, so let me hear from you!



ANNOUNCEMENTS

PBCLA UPCOMING MEETINGS

Thurs., March 7, 4PM - Temple Israel Library, 1901 N. Flagler Dr., West Palm Beach.

Thurs., June 20, 4 PM - V.A. Hospital Library, Military Trail, West Palm Beach

VOLUNTEER NEEDED. Volunteer with library knowledge wanted at Dreher Park Zoo to organize small library of donated and purchased books. Contact C.C. Vonderhyde at Dreher Park Zoo 533-0887.

PART-TIME WEEKEND LIBRARIAN position available January 1996. Approximately 8-10 hours per week; experience preferred. MLS not required. Contact Bonnie Marshak at Northwood University 407-478-5537.

WEST PALM BEACH

The West Palm Beach Public Library was the recipient of a \$150,000 donation from Douglas and Jean Kenna, parents of the late Marilyn Kenna, a former library employee and artist. The money will be used to purchase a bookmobile. Ms. Kenna was in her 30's at the time of her death in 1988 from complications due to cancer. As part of her legacy, she leaves a mural she created in the children's area of the library.

The library also received \$25,000 from the Susan G. Komen Foundation. The money will be used to develop the "Komen Foundation Breast Cancer Research Center" in the library.

The Downtown Development Group donated \$1,200 to the library; the Junior League of the Palm Beaches pledged \$5,800 for "young readers"; and the Hispanic Cultural Arts pledged \$1,000 for Spanish language materials.

Congratulations West Palm Beach!



PALM SPRINGS

Friends of the Library invite everyone to a slide tour of China by Palm Springs resident Tom Brehm, Monday, February 26th, at 7 p.m. All are welcome; refreshments will be served.

The Society of Children's Book Writers and Illustrators meet at the library the second Saturday of each month from 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. All are invited to attend and bring a manuscript or illustration to share for friendly, helpful critique. Members also share new markets, discuss recent sales and future ambitions and enjoy associating with others having the same interests.

The Palm Beach County Folk Club invite all to a good old-fashioned Hootenanny at the library the third Saturday of each month from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Music lovers of all ages are invited to listen.

BOYNTON BEACH LIBRARY

The Friends of the Library will hold their seventh Annual Benefit Luncheon on Monday, February 19, at Benvenuto's Restaurant, 1730 North Federal Highway in Boynton Beach. Lawyer-turned-novelist Paul Levine, who just completed his sixth Jake Lassiter mystery, will be the guest author. The luncheon will include a silent auction at 10:30 a.m. Tickets are \$30 per person. Seating is limited. Call the library at 375-6380 for tickets.

The Boynton Beach Library Quilters meet every Thursday at 9:30 a.m. in the library. Visitors are welcome to come and observe the quilter's activities.

Quilt Gathering 1996 will be held March 1 and 2 from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m., and March 3 from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. at the Woman's Club, 1010 S. Federal Highway, Boynton Beach. Co-sponsored by the Library Quilters and the Boynton Woman's Club, this non-juried show of 100 antique and contemporary quilts will also feature quilting demonstrations and items for sale. Donation is \$3. Proceeds benefit the Library and the Woman's Club. Call 375-6380 for more information.

The Boynton Beach City Library is the recipient of a donation in the amount of \$500 for audio books presented by the Fraternal Order of Eagles Ladies Auxiliary. This is the fourteenth year the library has benefitted from a grant by the Boynton Beach chapter of the Auxiliary. Virginia K. Farace, Library Director, thanked the Eagles for their efforts on behalf of the citizens of Boynton Beach, saying "Approximately 278 audio tapes have been purchased with the monies donated by the Eagles Ladies Auxiliary since 1983. The Eagles' donation is a primary source for new tapes for our collection."

The Boynton Beach City Library recently had a question from an assisted living facility about showing videos to residents. They asked whether, as an organization, they could check out videos that said "For Home Use Only" for viewing by the residents. We checked our sources in the library and none of them specifically addressed assisted living facilities or nursing homes. We then called the Library of Congress. They told us that if it is the PRIMARY RESIDENCE it is considered home use.

by Joanne P. Abadi, Community Relations

On Monday, January 8, the official dedication ceremony was held for our new Tequesta Branch Library. The new 4,000 sq. ft. Branch is located at 461 Old Dixie Highway North, just south of the U.S. Post Office in Tequesta. Speakers included County Commissioners Karen Marcus and Carol Roberts, Village of Tequesta Mayor Ron T. Mackail, and Library Director Jerry W. Brownlee. We invite you to stop by and see our new branch when you are in the north county area.

The PBCLS again participated as part of Palm Beach County's display at the recent South Florida Fair. Our booth included Make 'N' Take bookmarks that kids could take home, a story hour video, handouts about library services, and a Free-Net computer that the public could try out. We staffed our booth for 13 out of 17 days and the entire experience was a great success. We spoke with hundreds of people who had positive comments about libraries...county and city. It is wonderful to meet library supporters and to hear how important libraries are to people's lives.

The Free-Net terminal in our booth at the Fair was busy, but we were surprised at the number of people who said they already use Free-Net at home. A lot of people asked for registration forms which we distributed.

The terminals in all of our PBCLS locations are very busy and we understand that the same is true at the terminals in some of the city libraries. The Free-Net training classes held at our Central Library are always filled to capacity. The computer age is here to stay! We are very happy that Free-Net is being so well-received by the community.

*FLORIDA ROMANCE WRITERS present their Tenth Anniversary Conference
February 23-25, 1996 at the Palm Beach Hilton Hotel, 150 Australian Avenue,
West Palm Beach. Call 684-3651 for information.*